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SUPERMAN

THE AMAZING ADVENTURES OF THE STRONGEST MAN ON EARTH!

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DEDICATED TO ASSISTING THE HELPLESS AND OPPRESSED, IS A MYSTERY-MAN NAMED **SUPER-MAN.** POSSESSING SUPER-STRENGTH, HE CAN JUMP OVER A TEN-STORY BUILDING, LEAP AN EIGHTH OF A MILE, RUN FASTER THAN AN EXPRESS TRAIN, LIFT TREMENDOUS WEIGHTS, AND CRUSH STEEL IN HIS BARE HANDS!--HIS AMAZING FEATS OF STRENGTH BECOME MORE APPARENT DAY AFTER DAY!

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NEWSPAPERS HEADLINE HIS ACTIVITIES WITH EVER-INCREASING REGULARITY!

MORNI... SUPERMAN SMASHES MUNITIONS-RING

DAILY ☆ STAR MYSTERY MAN OF STEEL RE-APPEARS

EVENING... SUPERMAN WARS ON INJUSTICES

WORLD HERALD ENTIRE TOWN SAVED BY SUPERMAN

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ESPECIALLY ASSIGNED TO TRACK DOWN ALL **SUPERMAN** NEWS, IS CLARK KENT, MEEK ACE-REPORTER OF THE DAILY STAR.

ONE DAY, CLARK RECEIVES ASTONISHING NEWS WHEN SUMMONED BEFORE HIS EDITOR...

KENT, MEET NICK WILLIAMS, **SUPERMAN**'s PERSONAL MANAGER.

WHAT!

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KENT'S HAND HAD BEEN TOYING WITH AN ASH-TRAY. UNDER HIS STARTLED, INCREASED GRASP, IT TWISTS INTO A SHAPELESS PULP. --AMAZING? NOT AT ALL! ...FOR IN REALITY, CLARK KENT IS **SUPERMAN!**

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YOU!-YOU'RE SUPERMAN'S MANAGER? THAT'S ABSURD!

NOT AT ALL! I HAVE A CONTRACT FROM HIM GIVING ME SOLE COMMERCIAL RIGHTS TO HIS NAME!

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YOU MEAN, HE'S CONSENTED TO HAVE HIS NAME USED TO ACQUIRE COMMERCIAL ROYALTIES?

EXACTLY! AND BELIEVE ME, THE CASH IS POURING IN!

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I'VE COME HERE TO MAKE A DEAL. THE MORE SUPERMAN NEWS YOU PRINT, THE BETTER IT IS FOR BOTH OF US. WELL, I'LL GUARANTEE TO GIVE YOU NEWS OF HIS EXPLOITS BEFORE HE PULLS THEM, IF YOU'LL PRINT IT!

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WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE PROPOSITION, KENT?

HOW DO WE KNOW WILLIAMS CAN DO WHAT HE CLAIMS?

YOU DOUBT ME, EH?-WELL, I'LL SHOW YOU!

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FIVE O'CLOCK! -JUST IN TIME!

WHAT'S HE UP TO?

SEARCH ME!

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GOOD AFTERNOON, KIDS EVERYWHERE! TODAY, CRACKLES, YOUR FAVORITE ENERGY-BUILDING BREAKFAST FOOD, TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE FIRST OF A NEW, ASTOUNDING RADIO ADVENTURE PROGRAM SERIES ENTITLED SUPERMAN, WHICH WILL COME TO YOU EVERY DAY AT THIS TIME...

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GREAT SCOTT! WHAT AN IDEA--!

YOU THINK THAT'S SOMETHING? LOOK OUT OF THE WINDOW!

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USE SUPERMAN GASOLINE FOR SUPER-POWER!

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GOOD LORD! —WHAT NEXT ?

TAKE A GANDER AT THAT BILL-BOARD OVER YONDER!

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The SUPERMAN Streamline-Special

AMERICA'S FAVORITE AUTOMOBILE

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I'VE ALSO LICENSED SUPERMAN BATHING-SUITS, COSTUMES, PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT EXERCISERS, AND MOVIE RIGHTS, TO NAME A FEW.--WHY, I'VE EVEN MADE PROVISIONS FOR HIM TO APPEAR IN THE COMICS!

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ALL VERY INTERESTING! BUT HOW DID SUPERMAN CONTACT YOU ?

HE DROPPED IN ON ME AND SPRUNG THE PROPOSITION. I LIKED THE IDEA, AND WE EVOLVED A PARTNERSHIP.

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VERY INTERESTING --IF TRUE !

YOU DOUBT ME? VERY WELL THEN! WOULD A PERSONAL INTERVIEW WITH SUPERMAN INTEREST YOU ?

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I SHOULD SAY IT WOULD! —IN FACT, I'D LIKE TO MEET HIM VERY MUCH !

FINE! COME TO MY OFFICE TONIGHT, AND I'LL ARRANGE YOUR FIRST INTERVIEW WITH THE STRONGEST MAN ON EARTH !

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GOSH !

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OUTSIDE THE EDITOR'S DOOR, AN INQUISITIVE OFFICE-BOY HAS BEEN GETTING AN EARFUL!

CAN Y'IMAGINE THAT, LOIS? CLARK KENT IS GOING TO SEE SUPERMAN TONIGHT, IN PERSON!

HE IS! --THEN SO WILL I!

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HELLO, CLARK !
W-WH-WHAT ?
NOTICE
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DID I HEAR CORRECTLY? DID YOU SPEAK TO ME ?
YES. --HOW ARE YOU, CLARK ?
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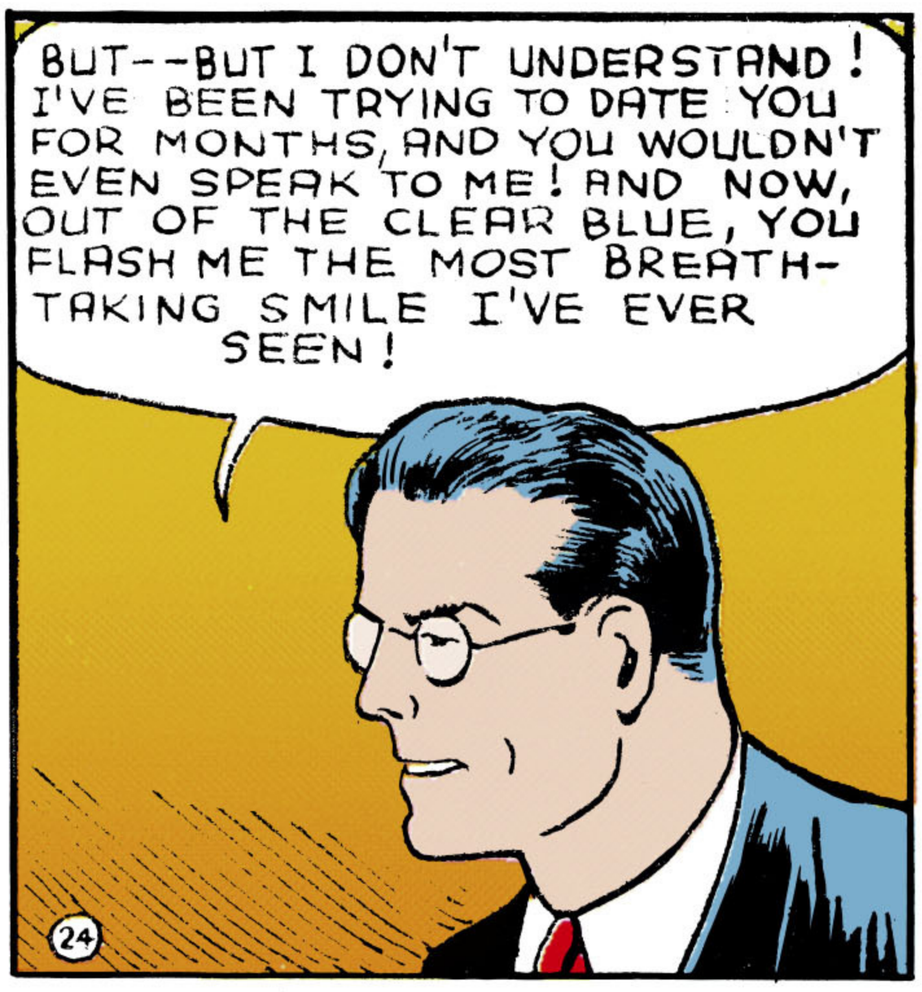
BUT--BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND! I'VE BEEN TRYING TO DATE YOU FOR MONTHS, AND YOU WOULDN'T EVEN SPEAK TO ME! AND NOW, OUT OF THE CLEAR BLUE, YOU FLASH ME THE MOST BREATH-TAKING SMILE I'VE EVER SEEN!
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IT'S REALLY QUITE SIMPLE! I'VE COME TO MY SENSES AND AP-PRECIATE YOU AT LAST, THAT'S ALL! -- WILL YOU TAKE ME OUT TONIGHT, CLARK, TO CELEBRATE IT?
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GLADLY! -BUT WAIT! I JUST REMEMBERED! -I'VE AN IM-PORTANT AS-SIGNMENT FOR TONIGHT!
DO YOU MEAN, YOU'D PREFER YOUR ASSIGN-MENT, TO ME ?
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NO, NOT THAT. I MEAN --
I SEE. YOU'RE JUST AS WEAK AND UNRO-MANTIC AS EVER! WELL, IN THAT CASE I'LL WITHDRAW MY OFFER TO--
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WAIT! DON'T BE HASTY! I'LL TAKE YOU OUT! BUT FIRST YOU'LL ACCOMPANY ME ON MY ASSIGNMENT, IF YOU DON'T MIND. — IT WON'T TAKE LONG.
THAT'LL BE SPLENDID.
28

I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU TONIGHT! (-"HOW EASILY I CAN TWIST YOU AROUND MY FINGER!" -)
I'LL BE THERE! (-"HOW EASY YOU ARE TO CONVINCE THAT I'M PUTTY IN YOUR HANDS!"-)
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THAT EVENING - -

I'M SO EXCITED! IN A LITTLE WHILE I'LL BE SEEING SUPERMAN! - - IF ONLY CLARK WOULD HURRY!

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YOU'RE ON TIME TO THE SEC - OND!

IT'S RATHER EARLY. - -LET'S DROP INTO A NIGHT CLUB BE- FORE KEEPING THE APPOINTMENT.

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LATER - - CLARK ESCORTS LOIS INTO A FAMOUS NIGHT-SPOT, UNAWARE OF THE SURPRISE THAT IS IN STORE FOR THEM...

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LOIS! I CARE FOR YOU SO MUCH! IF YOU'D ONLY - -

PARDON - - BUT THE SONG HAS ENDED.

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THEY'RE STARTING THE FLOOR-SHOW !

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A SINGER STROLLS ON- TO THE FLOOR, AC- COMPANIED BY TUMULTOUS APPLAUSE.

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THANKS, EVERYONE! — TONIGHT I'M GOING TO INTRODUCE A SONG THAT IS SURE TO BE A GREAT HIT. ITS TITLE: - -

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"YOU'RE A SUPERMAN!" - - SWING IT, BOYS!

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GOOD HEAVENS! NOW THEY'VE COMPOSED A SONG ABOUT HIM!

THIS PROMISES TO BE INTERESTING!

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YOU'RE A SUPERMAN! YOU CAN MAKE MY HEART LEAP, TEN THOUSAND FEET!

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YOU'RE A SUPERMAN! BUT I'M THE ONE GAL WHO KIN, GET UNDER YOUR SKIN!

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WHEN YOU CRUSH ME IN YOUR ARMS, I MUST REVEAL, I'M ONLY FLESH AND BLOOD AND NOT RESISTLESS STEEL!

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YOU'RE A SUPERMAN! YOUR ARDOR'S STRONGER THAN, A HUMAN MAN'S!

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YOU'RE A SUPERMAN! AND WHEN YOU SPRING TO ME, I AM IN ECSTASY!

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SOME DAY YOU'RE GONNA LEAP, TO THE ALTAR AT MY FEET...

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THEN THE WHOLE WORLD WILL KNOW, 'CAUSE I'LL TELL ALL I KNOW, THAT I WANT 'EM TO KNOW, THAT YOU'RE MY SUPERMAN!

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CLARK GLANCES SIDEWISE AT LOIS. ENTHRALLED BY THE MAGIC OF THE SONG, HER EYES HAVE A DISTANT, CHARMED LOOK...

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AT THAT MOMENT--WILLIAMS' PRIVATE OFFICE --

ARE YOU CERTAIN ASKING THAT REPORTER TO COME HERE WAS A WISE THING TO DO?

CER-TAIN?--I'M POSITIVE!

47

WITH THE NEWSPAPERS BEHIND US, NOTHING WILL BE ABLE TO PREVENT OUR CLEANING UP!

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SUPPOSE HE SUSPECTS I'M JUST AN ACTOR YOU HIRED TO PLAY THE ROLE OF SUPERMAN?

HE WON'T--ESPECIALLY AFTER HE WITNESSES YOUR FEATS OF "SUPER-STRENGTH"--WHICH, UNKNOWN TO HIM, WILL BE STAGED TRICKS!

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IT SURE WAS CLEVER OF YOU TO THINK OF THIS SUPER-MAN SCHEME, NICK!

I FIGURED THAT SEEIN' AS SUPERMAN IS PROBABLY JUST A MYTH, SOMEONE MIGHT JUST AS WELL CASH IN ON THE PUBLICITY!

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AT THE NIGHT CLUB...

SHALL WE LEAVE NOW?

LET'S HAVE ONE LAST DRINK.

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WHEN CLARK GLANCES AWAY, LOIS SURREPTITIOUSLY DROPS A DRUG INTO HIS DRINK...

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GOSH --I'M-- SLEEPY!

IT IS WARM IN HERE!

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FAST ASLEEP! --MY PLAN WORKED !

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SHORTLY LATER, SHE LEAVES THE NIGHT CLUB, ALONE...

NOW TO GET AN EXCLUSIVE STORY!

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WITHIN THE CLUB, THE SUPPOSEDLY UN-CONSCIOUS KENT MOVES INTO ACTION... THE DRUG HAD NOT AFFECTED HIS NERVOUS SYSTEM!

DOUBLE-CROSSING A PAL, EH? JUST LIKE A NEWSPAPERWOMAN!

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OUTSIDE THE NIGHT CLUB, HE SHEDS HIS GARMENTS AND GLASSES, AND STANDS REVEALED IN THE **SUPERMAN** UNIFORM!

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AN INSTANT LATER HE IS SPEEDING OFF INTO THE NIGHT LIKE A LIVING PROJECTILE!

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THERE'S SOMEONE AT THE DOOR... PROBABLY THE REPORTER! OUT OF THE WINDOW, QUICK! AND WHEN I GIVE THE SIGNAL, ENTER!

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A GIRL!— BUT I EXPECTED— !

CLARK WAS CALLED OFF THE ASSIGN-MENT. I'M HERE IN HIS STEAD.

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DO YOU EXPECT **SUPERMAN** TO ARRIVE SOON ?

HE SHOULD BE HERE AT ANY MO-MENT !

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PLACING HIS HAND BEHIND HIM, WILLIAMS SNAPS HIS FINGERS...

SNAP!

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THE SIGNAL!—NOW TO GO INTO MY ACT!

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SUPERMAN!

I'VE COME, AS YOU REQUESTED.— IS THIS THE REPORTER WHO DOUBTS I'VE AUTHORIZED YOU TO BE MY MANAGER?

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YES. BUT DEMONSTRATE SOME SUPER-STRENGTH! THAT SHOULD BANISH ANY DOUBTS THAT ARE IN HER MIND.

GLADLY!

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BEHOLD! LIFTING A HEAVY DESK IS TO ME MERE CHILDSPLAY!

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AND BENDING A STEEL BAR--WELL, I THINK NOTHING OF IT!

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ARE YOU CONVINCED?

NO!

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AND I'M GOING TO PROVE THAT YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A PAIR OF FAKERS!

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IN THE FIRST PLACE, THIS SO-CALLED "HEAVY" DESK IS CONSTRUCTED OF LIGHT CARDBOARD!

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IN THE SECOND PLACE, THIS BAR IS OF ALUMINUM, NOT STEEL!

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AND FINALLY, I'VE ALREADY MET SUPERMAN PERSONALLY, AND SO I KNOW DEFINITELY THAT THIS MAN IS AN OUT-AND-OUT PHONEY!

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AND NOW I'LL BE LEAVING YOUR UNSAVORY COMPANY!

OH, NO YOU DON'T! YOU KNOW TOO MUCH!

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LET GO! WHAT DO YOU WANT OF ME?

YOU'RE SMART --TOO SMART FOR YOUR OWN GOOD! AND SO WE CAN'T AFFORD TO LET YOU LEAVE HERE ALIVE!

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HELP ME GET HER TO THE WINDOW! WE'VE GOT TO THROW HER TO HER DEATH!

BUT--BUT THAT WOULD BE MURDER!

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IT'S EITHER HER LIFE OR OUR CHANCE OF MAKING A FORTUNE!

WE'LL CALL IT ACCIDENTAL OR A SUICIDE, EH?

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A MOMENT LATER--LOIS' KICKING AND SCREAMING FIGURE FALLS FROM THE WINDOW DOWNWARD TOWARD A HORRIBLE, CRUSHING DEATH!

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SUPERMAN HAD ARRIVED IN TIME TO SEE LOIS TOSSED FROM THE WINDOW!

GOOD LORD!--THEY'RE GOING TO KILL HER!

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UPWARD HE SPRINGS IN A GREAT, DESPERATE LEAP...

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GOT HER!

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AN INSTANT LATER, CRADLED IN SUPERMAN'S PROTECTIVE ARMS, LOIS DROPS SAFELY TO EARTH!

REMAIN HERE!—THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE GOT TO ATTEND TO!

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DID YOU SEE THAT? --I THOUGHT YOU SAID THERE REALLY WASN'T A SUPERMAN!

I WAS MISTAKEN.--LET'S GET OUTA HERE WHILE WE CAN!

82

AS SUPERMAN SPRINGS THRU THE WINDOW...

THEY'RE NO LONGER HERE!

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QUICK! INTO THE ELEVATOR! —IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!

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SUPERMAN REACHES THE ELEVATOR JUST AS THE METAL DOOR CLICKS SHUT.

I'LL SOON FIX THAT!

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ALMOST EFFORTLESSLY, HE RIPS THE DOOR FROM ITS FASTENINGS!

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WHAT'S WRONG?

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT! THE ELEVATOR IS RISING!

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ON REALITY, THE EXPLANATION IS SIMPLE. SUPERMAN HAS SEIZED THE CABLE AND IS PULLING UP THE MASSIVE ELEVATOR, HAND-OVER-HAND!

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G-GOOD GOSH! -IT'S HIM!

GET OUT! BEFORE I LET THE CAR DROP!

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AS THEY CLAMBOR OUT, THE PSEUDO-SUPERMAN MAKES A FEEBLE ATTEMPT AT RESISTENCE. HE UPPER-CUTS SUPERMAN...

TAKE THAT!

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...AND SUCCEEDS ONLY IN BREAKING HIS FIST!

OW! -MY HAND!

91

ENOUGH OF THIS! -YOU TWO ARE COMING WITH ME TO GET WHAT YOU DESERVE!

LET ME DOWN!

YOU'RE CRUSHING ME!

92

LATER--A STRANGE QUARTET SPEEDS THRU THE AIR HIGH ABOVE THE EARTH...!

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SUPERMAN DEPOSITS HIS BURDEN OUTSIDE A POLICE-STATION . . .

TAKE THEM IN AND PRESS A CHARGE OF ATTEMPTED MURDER.

YOU CAN BE CERTAIN I WILL!

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BUT WHEN WILL I SEE YOU AGAIN? I MUST SEE YOU! I MUST!

THAT IS ENTIRELY IN THE HANDS OF FATE!

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LATER--WITHIN THE STATION . . .

DO YOU ADMIT THIS CHARGE OF ATTEMPTED MURDER?

NO, WE--

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AT THAT MOMENT, THE PSEUDO—SUPERMAN SIGHTS SUPERMAN GLARING THRU A WINDOW.

(—"IT'S HIM!—IF I'M NOT LOCKED IN A JAIL FOR PROTECTION, THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT HE'LL DO TO ME!"—)

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IT'S TRUE! —BUT IT'S HIS FAULT! HE HIRED ME!

YOU DIRTY DOUBLE-CROSSER!

THROW THESE TWO VERMIN INTO THE CAN!

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THE END

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--DON'T MISS THEM!

"ACQUIRING SUPER-STRENGTH"

"MUSCLE-TRAINING"

CLENCH YOUR FISTS AS TIGHTLY AS POSSIBLE, EXERTING EVERY OUNCE OF ENERGY!

WHILE IN THIS TENSE STATE, SHARPLY JERK THEM IN VARIOUS DIRECTIONS!

THIS WILL EVENTUALLY IMPART TO YOU A CRUSHING HAND-GRIP!